(b) whether Government have decided to widen the sphere and increase the amount of such aid during the year, 1992; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) In the last 5 years, Indian aid to Nepal has amounted to Rs. 67 crores. It is being used for projects in telecommunications, health, education, horticulture, transport, irrigation, power, supply of drinking water, road construction and industrial estates.

Over the past 5 years, Indo-Bhutanese cooperation has been further intensified. Indian aided projects in Bhutan included hydro-power projects, road construction, telecommunications, industrial plants, hospitals, rural and dairy development projects, etc. Indian aid to Bhutan over this period was more than Rupees 296 crores.

(b) and (c) During the visit of Prime Minister G. P. Koirala of Nepal to India from December 5—10, 1991, several treaties/agreements in trade transit, cooperation in controlling trade, cooperation in agriculture and in science and technology, education and culture were signed. It was agreed to strengthen cooperation in industrial Joint ventures, in agro-industries and in civil aviation and tourism. A number of key decisions were taken to expedite studies of various hydel projects, and for co-operation in flood control, flood protection, etc. It was also decided to take up a number of new Indian-aid projects in public health, communications and telecommunications. The studies necessary for implementing these and the other agreements and decisions reached are being undertaken. Indian aid to Nepal is likely to increase once the project parameters are finalised and their implementation begins.

India and Bhutan have held discussions on Bhutan's 7th Five Year Plan (to be launched in July, 1992). The specific schemes/projects to be taken up under Indian aid during 1992 are to be finalised soon. The quantum of Indian aid to Bhutan in thus likely to increase in 1992.

Temples in Pakistan

3276. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of temples in Pakistan;

(b) what is their condition;

(c) whether there is any party in Pakistan which espouses demolition of temples in Pakistan;

(d) if so, the letails thereof;

(e) whether the Government of India have taken up question of upkeep of temples in Pakistan; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The exact number and condition of all the temples in Pakistan is not known.

(c) to (f) The maintenance and preservation of places of religious worship in Pakistan is essentially the responsibility of the Government of Pakistan.

Area of J and K under Pakistani Occupation

3277. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any area of J&K under occupation of Pakistan; if so, the details thereof?

(b) what is the estimated population of that area; and